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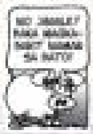


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BALANCED NEWS, FEARLESS VIEWS

Fasten seatbelts, cross your legs and don't flush



BEIJING—A CHINESE airline has calculated that it takes a liter of fuel to flush the toilet at 30,000 feet and is urging passengers to go to the bathroom before they board.

FASTEN / A4



THE MORNING AFTER Residents take shelter on the riverbank Friday after Supertyphoon "Reming" pummeled Albay overnight. Heavy rains and winds gusting up to 265 kph spawned flash floods and sent walls of muddy volcanic ash and red-hot boulders crashing down on several villages. This scene of destruction was repeated all over the region. Officials were still counting the dead.

DEVASTATION IN BICOL

Marinduque: Bowled over like tenpins

By Delfin T. Mallari Jr., *Inquirer Southern Luzon* and Philip C. Tubeza *in Manila*

IT WAS AS IF BOWLING KING PAENG NEPOMUCENO had been in the area and toppled everything like tenpins.

That was how Rep. Edmundo Reyes described the devastation caused by Supertyphoon "Reming" on the heart-shaped island of Marinduque that lies between Tayabas Bay to the north and Sibuyan Sea to the south.

"Most of the roads around Marinduque have become impassable due to the scattered fallen trees. What the province urgently needs now are power saws and heavy equipment to help us in immediately clearing the roads," Reyes said in a phone interview.

"There are more fallen trees in the whole of Marinduque than there are standing. It's like Paeng Nepomuceno practiced bowling in the

MARINDUQUE / A4

Mudflow from Mayon worsens 'Reming' damage

10 most devastating typhoons in RP (1948-2006)

Date	Name	Areas hit	Damage (P B)	Casualties Dead	Casualties Hurt
Nov. 10-14, 1990	Ruping	NCR, Regions III-XII	10.376	748	1,278
Oct. 31-Nov. 8, 1995	Rosing	NCR, CAR, Regions I-V & VIII	9.33	936	4,152
Sept. 30-Oct. 1, 1993	Kadiang	CAR, Regions I-III	6.752	576	37
Oct 21-26, 1988	Unsang	Region V	5.636	217	
Oct 7-18, 1989	Saling	Over water	5.279	75	
Aug 31-Sep 4, 1984	Nitang	Regions IV, VI-VIII, & X-XI	4.1	1,492	
Nov 4-6, 2001	Nanang	Over water	3.2	238	
Sept 27-Oct 1, 1995	Mameng	Over water	3.17	118	
Sept 26-28, 2006	Milenyo	NCR and Regions III, IV, V, VI & VIII	3.089	175	88
Oct 18-21, 1991	Trining	Luzon	3.025	80	
Dec 2-3, 2004	Yoyong	CAR, NCR & Regions 1-III	2.817	68	137

INQUIRER RESEARCH SOURCE: NDCC, PAGASA AND TYPHOON2000.COM

By Inquirer Southern Luzon, and Alcuin Papa *in Manila*

LEGAZPI CITY—FOR THREE HOURS, WALLS OF MUD ROARED down from Mayon Volcano, burying houses up to their rooftops, and rocks "as big as cars" tumbled down. When everything was still, hundreds were feared dead.

One province, where up to 90 percent of buildings were wrecked or damaged, looked like a bomber had campaigned through it, knocking down trees and power poles like toppins, a lawmaker said. (*See related story on this page.*)

A Red Cross spokesperson initially put the death toll at 208, with scores more missing.

The death count was still rising as Supertyphoon "Reming" swirled out to the South China Sea yesterday after pounding the Bicol and Southern Tagalog regions with winds gusting up to 265 kph and triggering floods and torrents of mud and volcanic rocks.

Pope Benedict XVI expressed sadness over the disaster.

"Deeply saddened by the tragic loss of life resulting from the recent typhoon in the eastern Philippines, His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI assures all affected of his closeness in prayer," Vatican Cardinal Bertone wrote in a telegram to the papal nuncio in the Philippines, Fernando Filoni.

The Pope was praying for strength and comfort for the families of the deceased and for rescue workers, the message said.

Many parts of Bicol and Southern Tagalog were plunged into darkness as Reming knocked out power and communication lines in its deadly sweep through Luzon on Thursday. Metro Manila was largely spared.

"The disaster covered almost every corner of the province—rampaging floods, falling trees, damaged houses," said Gov. Fernando Gonzalez of the hardest-hit Albay province. "Many of the houses were totally covered by mud. Only the rooftops were showing."

Gonzalez was referring to the horror brought in Albay, where several villages were

DEVASTATION / A15

'Final push' just might succeed—Drilon

By Juliet Labog-Javellana

A RANKING MEMBER OF THE SENATE YESTERDAY conceded that the House of Representatives may be able to succeed in convening a constituent assembly (Con-ass) and supporting a shift to the unicameral parliamentary system because of the imminent vacancy in the Supreme Court.

Sen. Franklin Drilon, a former justice secretary and Senate president, said the retirement of Chief Justice Artemio Panganiban on Dec. 7 could lead to a 7-7 split in the 15-member tribunal, which would then make it unable to issue a temporary restraining order on the planned Con-ass and the plebiscite to ratify the constitutional amendments approved by the House assembly.

"Of course they can do it. If no TRO is issued, the plebiscite will proceed," Drilon said

CHA-CHA / A4



VICKY QUIRINO-DELGADO in a 1990 photo in front of her father's portrait. INQUIRER FILE

Victoria Quirino-Delgado, teenage first lady, dies; 75

By Lito B. Zulueta

VICTORIA QUIRINO-DELGADO, the youngest First Lady—and the only one who was not a spouse—in the history of the Philippine presidency, died of pneumonia in Amsterdam last Tuesday. She was 75.

Quirino-Delgado, the daughter of President Elpidio Quirino, had gone to Amsterdam for the baptism of her great granddaughter and was touring Europe with her family when she was stricken, according to her niece, Cory Quirino.

She was confined at the St. Medische Ctr hospital in Amsterdam and died there on Nov. 28.

Her remains now lie in state at the Capilla del Señor of the

VICTORIA / A4

GMA visits hospital to look in on Mike A

By Christine O. Avendaño and Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

PRESIDENT MACAPAGAL-ARROYO WAS again back at St. Luke's Medical Center in Quezon City yesterday, this time to look in on her husband.

Earlier in the day, Jose Miguel "Mike" Arroyo checked into the hospital under unclear circumstances. A reliable source said he needed treatment for "a heart-related problem."

"One of the options is [for him to undergo] angioplasty," said the source who asked not to be named because of the sensitivity of the subject. The procedure was purportedly scheduled on Dec. 4.

"They will do the angioplasty, and if it doesn't work, they will try another [procedure]," said another reliable source.

Mike Arroyo's trip to the hospital was an-

GMA VISITS / A4

Asiad opens with theatrical extravaganza

DOHA 2006

By Teddyvic S. Melendres, *Sports Editor*

DOHA, QATAR—THE BIGGEST, PERhaps the costliest entertainment package on earth was to come off the wraps in a blazing marriage of the high-tech and the traditional late Friday night, signaling the start of the 15th Asian Games in this peninsular metropolis.

A cast of 5,000 Qatari performers in colorful Arabic and Asian costumes as well as an array of giant gizmos and special effects were to transform the Opening Ceremonies at the 46,000-seat Khalifa Stadium into a theatrical masterpiece that, according to organizers, has never been seen even in recent Olympics.

No less than David Atkins and Ignatius Jones, two of the world's most sought after artistic directors, orches-

ASIAD / A4

WEATHER FORECAST

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Second FRONT PAGE

SC opens Erap son bank accounts

By Armand N. Nocum

SAYING THAT THE PROTECTION PROVIDED BY the bank secrecy law is not "absolute," the Supreme Court has given the Sandiganbayan the green light to look into San Juan Mayor Joseph Victor G. Ejercito's bank accounts at the Export and Industry Bank in relation to the plunder charge filed against his father, former President Estrada.

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"JV" EJERCITO [illegible]

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Jinggoy blocks P4-M increase in PSC's budget

By TJ Burgonio

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JINGGOY ESTRADA [illegible]

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AFTER THE STORM

President Macapagal-Arroyo looks worried as she listens to a report from the National Disaster Coordinating Council on the havoc left by typhoon "Reming."

Deployment of OFWs hits 1-M mark

NPA landmine kills 4 soldiers in Surigao





300 Koreans in Manila for skating race

UN MILLENNIUM GOALS

RP 'performing poorly'

By Philip C. Tubeza and Christian V. Esguerra

No access to health care

Unicef vs AIDS



NUMBER OF MISSING RISING

Slay raps filed vs cop exec in Camp Crame shooting

Soldiers' fund officials ask SC to cite judge in contempt

Typhoon stops Lafayette operations

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Jail exec sacked; eligibility lack cited

NBI wants Atong Ang back

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A PROTESTER shows support for "Nicole" with this message on her sunglasses.

SUBIC RAPE CASE

'Nicole': I'm confident they will be convicted

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Up to 40 years in jail

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'Like a pig'

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'I stand firm'

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Acquittal

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AP



DARK STORM CLOUDS

The silver lining: Angat water rises



FALLEN BRIDGE.

No longer a threat

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Just a checkup

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Roofs blown away

Worst typhoon

'It was horrible'

STRONGEST TYPHOONS OF THE PHILIPPINES (1947 - 2006)



FAITH IS WHAT REMAINS

IN THE KNOW



STRANDED

Passengers take their meals outside the Manila domestic airport terminal Friday after their flight schedules were canceled due to Supertyphoon "Reming."

Loren, Pacman, Mar top trust survey

By Cynthia D. Balana



LEGARDA



PACQUIAO



ROXAS

FORMER SEN. LOREN LEGARDA TOPPED THE list of local public figures trusted by Filipinos. [illegible]



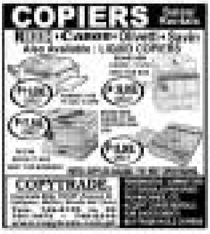
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SC asked to rule on showbiz politicos

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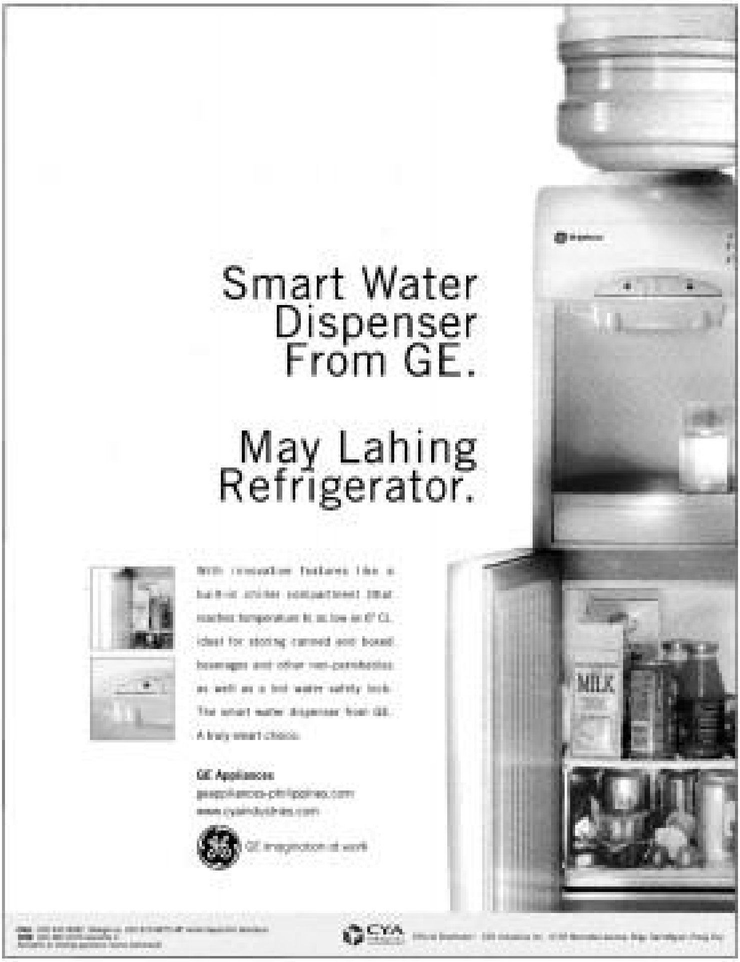




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'Reming' fails to ground PAL

GMA orders release of





Devastation in Bicol



₱1B from unused 'pork' for Bicol relief, rehab





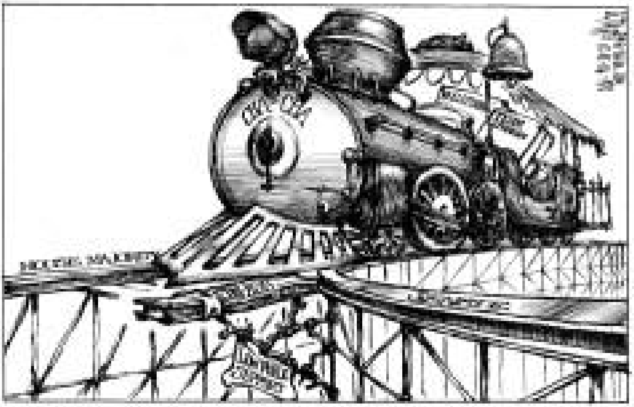


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By hook or by crook

EDITORIAL

ON THE DAY CHIEF JUSTICE ARTEMIO PANGANIBAN retires, the House of Representatives is scheduled to proclaim the retirement of our present constitutional order. [illegible]



The Constitution in jeopardy

SEPARATE OPINION

Isagani A. Cruz

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Let it go, Joe

GET REAL

Solita Collas-Monsod

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The House's 'audace'

POLITICAL TIDBITS

Belinda Olivares-Cunanan



Behold the new Blood

'We are representing you'

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Venezuela's choice

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Fernando Gerbasi and Charles Tannock



A House without 'delicadeza'

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Exploiting sports victories

Announce lotto jackpot winner if there is, right after draw

A lot for graft, a bit for schools

Uphold IPR and implement the Generics Act properly

—THE PHARMACEUTICAL AND HEALTHCARE ASSOCIATION OF THE PHILIPPINES

People who care for workers' rights

More articles on what should be

INQUIRER Visayas

From activist to 'presidenta' to impresario

AFTER HER SELF-IMPOSED EXILE SINCE THE martial law years, Milda Lopez-Exmundo decided in 2000 to retire in Jaro District in Iloilo City, where she grew up and where she now finds herself on high gear in the cultural life, once as "hermana mayor" in a barangay fiesta and now impresario for a Mozart opera.



MILDA and her daughter Melissa Exmundo (with violin).

A woman's source of joy

BAKING CAKES AND PASTRIES seems to have become a habit to this 74-year-old widow that she's still making and selling these delicacies despite her age.

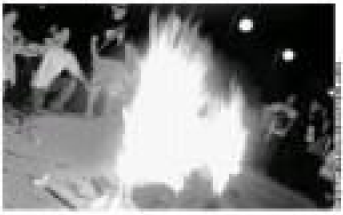
DOH team kept off poisoning victims



DAVAO CITY—EXPERTS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH were denied entry by the management of the Tagum Agricultural Development Corp. Inc. (Tadeco) to the company-owned hospital in Panabo City where the victims of toxic chemical inhalation from the nearby town of Braulio Dujali in Davao del Norte were being observed.

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Jeffrey M. Tupas, Inquirer Mindanao



CHRISTMAS [illegible]

Leftists start to raise funds for Beltran in Baguio, Benguet

BAGUIO CITY—MILITANT GROUPS AND workers' unions in Baguio and Benguet have started distributing drop boxes to receive contributions to pay for the hospital bills and legal expenses of detained Anakpawis Rep. Crispin Beltran.

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Gov says Abu Sayyaf men back in Basilan

ZAMBOANGA CITY—BASILAN GOV. WAHAB Akbar confirmed that members of the terrorist group Abu Sayyaf have returned to his province from Sulu.

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'Reming' of no help in increasing level of water in Angat Dam



PICKING UP PIECES

Release of Pantabangan Dam water to continue

Police find grenade parts in burned bus



Army claims capturing NPA camp in N. Ecija

Bodies of mayor, 4 others removed from sunken boat



SPORTS



KNOWN in hoop circles as the "Ninja," Joseph Yeo tries to sneak past the defense of Air21's Gary David.

Express tame Tigers

Air21 stretches Coca-Cola losing streak

AIR21 PROVED TOO MUCH TO HANDLE EVEN for the claws of the Coca-Cola Tigers in the second half last night as the Express posted a 101-96 decision that boosted their playoff chances in the Talk 'N Text Philippine Cup at the Araneta Coliseum.

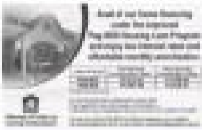
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MAKATI CLEANUP

Chemical spill may keep school closed for another week

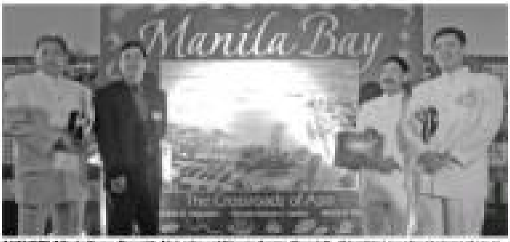
Troubled policemen to get peer counseling

Judge junks TRO plea to tear down Binondo schools

By Tina G. Santos

Guidelines for enlisting 'tanod' out

Tales of Manila Bay's unfading glory chronicled in new book



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QC dads want bigger jail

Mom files case vs tutor

Navotas in holiday mood

Why soldiers are not winning the war vs Abu Sayyaf

On Target



Ramon Tulfo

US warns of Qaida cyber attack on stock trading

US revises immigrant citizen test

Pope caps Turkey trip with mosque gesture



POPE Benedict XVI waves upon his arrival at the Ottoman-era Sultanahmet mosque, known as Blue mosque, in Istanbul, Turkey, Nov. 30. AP

Scientist says concrete was used in the pyramids

The WORLD

US tags millions of travelers as terrorists

WASHINGTON—WITHOUT THEIR KNOWLEDGE, millions of travelers crossing US borders in the past four years have been assigned scores generated by US government computers rating the risk that the travelers are terrorists or criminals.

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DANCERS IN MADRID

French gov't selling historic properties

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Annan bats for accountability in global battle against AIDS

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Ex-Russian PM Gaidar poisoned

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Swimmers, shooters start Asiad campaign

Butch takes final march with RP bets



RAMIREZ

Cash incentives await swimmers



Cast of thousands join Asiad gala rites

Tac targets nat'l mark in 6th stint



PADILLA

'54 Games: Pinoys' best

By Marc Anthony Reyes

Dableo, Laylo begin rapid chess drive



Filipino cue masters don't rate highly



World No. 1 routs field in triathlon tilt



Bernis posts 10-shot victory at Malarayat

Over 1,500 bets join 10 Miler tomorrow

Leuterio, Superal win

SPORTSWATCH

Army faces Navy XI

Powerade badminton ends

3 cockers share title

Las Piñas derby today

RP loses gold, gains experience in martial arts tiff



AFTER a slow start, Kobe Bryant soars high for the Los Angeles Lakers.

Bryant powers Lakers with 52

Pistons collect 7th straight win

LOS ANGELES—AFTER FEELing his way through the first few games of the season, Kobe Bryant pushed into high gear on Thursday, pouring in 52 points to help the Los Angeles Lakers crush the Utah Jazz, 132-102.

BUSINESS

Net 'hot money' inflows hit $2B in 11 mos

'06 portfolio investments seen to exceed 2005 figures

NET FOREIGN inflows to local stocks, bonds and bank products breached the $2-billion mark in November, fueled by rising investor confidence in the country.



JUST CHECKING

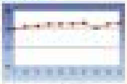
For the elderly, DOF has alternative perk in mind

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Domestic liquidity growth in October highest in 4 years

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NorAsian to start drilling in east Visayan basin in '07

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Net 'hot money' inflows ...

Trading of 3 firms' shares still suspended

For the elderly ...

Microsoft launches new system

CEO describes Windows Vista as 'most advanced' in market



MICROSOFT CEO Steve Ballmer, right, ... the Nasdaq opening bell to begin trading ... Thursday to celebrate Microsoft's launch of its new Vista operating system. For the first time in five years, Microsoft Corp. is finally unveiling a new system for operating personal computers.

By Raul O. Morales

NEW YORK—MICROSOFT CORP., the world's biggest software company, finally launched Thursday the long-awaited computer operating system, Windows Vista.

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Microsoft CEO Ballmer sees less piracy with Windows Vista



A STAFF member of Microsoft Switzerland demonstrates the American company's latest "2007 Microsoft Office and Windows Vista" software.

NEW YORK—MICROSOFT Corp. expects software piracy, which costs the company billions of dollars every year, to ease with the introduction of its new Windows Vista operating system and Office 2007 software suite, chief executive Steve Ballmer said on Thursday.

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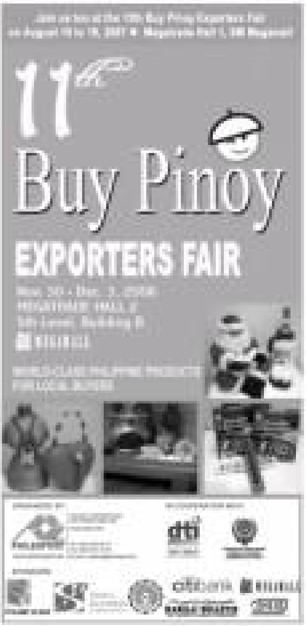
Reuters

US, Asian economies at odds over free trade

WASHINGTON—THE UNITED STATES and Asian economies are divided over how to implement a plan to set up an Asia Pacific free trade area, two weeks after agreeing to study the ambitious proposal.

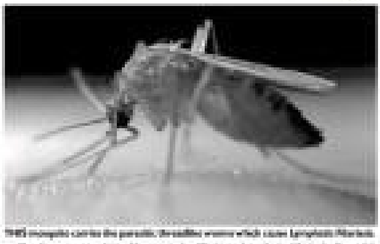
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SCIENCE/HEALTH

RP expects to eliminate major disease by 2010



Eliminating LF by 2010

Drug combination

Fun math games for preschoolers

EUREKA!



Queena N. Lee-Chua

String game

Animal game

Thumbs down for milk formulas

MEDICAL FILES

Breastfeeding benefits

Very personal decision

Tremendous impact

Tricking the eyes

DISCOVER



Why magic trick works

Survey results



PROPERTY



Strengthening the affordable housing market

By Charles E. Buban

THE COUNTRY'S HOUSING problems are not just limited to the poor. Even school teachers, police officers, clerks, government employees and administrative staff—people from all walks of life—have to pay well beyond their means for their home.

"The struggle for affordable housing is widespread and is well beyond a great number of home buyers," admits Robert Alvarez, chair of PA Alvarez Properties and Development Corp. whose firm marks its 12th year next week.

For the past 12 years, Alvarez said the firm has remained faithful to its mission to contribute to the government's national shelter program.

Contributed

"The company has consistently contributed in giving more and more Filipino families affordable housing. Beyond just providing a roof over their heads, we believe it is critically important to provide them with high quality homes and a community that they can feel proud of," Alvarez said.



ALVAREZ believes a developer can still deliver quality homes at affordable price

To date, PA Alvarez is able to produce 17 projects or an equivalent of 7,000 units, mostly in the province of Laguna.

"I know these figures are still a long way in solving our present housing backlog (now around one million) but if all developers would devote a considerable percentage of their portfolio to affordable housing projects like what we are doing, I believe we would be able to solve one major issue challenging this country," he said.

Conceived

The firm began when Alvarez converted a family owned farmland located in San Pedro, Laguna. The 2.3-hectare property became St. Joseph Village 1 where all of its over 200 housing units were sold in less than four months.

"Motivated by this achievement, PA Alvarez embarked on four more St. Joseph Villages located in Biñan and Cabuyao, which were all completed and sold out by 1997. Five more soon followed with both Joseph Village 7 to 9 (located in Cabuyao and San Pedro in Laguna) in the process of being completed," Alvarez said.

He explained that aside from being their company's base of operation, the province offers an excellent location for their projects, thanks to its laidback ambiance, history and tradition.

House and lot packages within these developments range from P400,000 to P2 million.

"At this price range, we are able to reach more families wanting quality homes but whose package is still within their financial capability. Indeed, a major issue is the scarcity of affordable housing and access to credit. But even when housing is available, the prohibitive cost of purchasing and the lack of easy access to mortgage or lending systems place decent housing beyond the reach of ordinary citizens," Alvarez said.



PA ALVAREZ has contributed in giving more Filipino families affordable housing.

Closer ties

To address this concern, PA Alvarez developed closer ties with various banks and other financial institutions through the years.

"They have been providing the firm with much needed funds to sustain operations and to maintain manageable cash flows. Through them, PA Alvarez was able to forge better financing facilities and made available to our home buyers more funding mechanisms at lower interest rates and easy payment plans," he explained.

Indeed, PA Alvarez is now able to go beyond Laguna and nearby provinces (Villa Esteban in Carmona, Cavite) and with the establishment of affiliate companies including PAA Metro Residences Builders Inc., Alvarez said they are now into building affordable medium-rise condominiums in Metro Manila (East Ortigas Residences in Pasig City is just one of its initial projects) as well as other metropolitan areas in the country.

"We are looking for new markets in northern Luzon, and even in the Visayas and Mindanao area. With housing industry picking up once more, we believe this is the right time to do it," Alvarez believed.

Raising an architect

Living Architecture

Marcos de Guzman Jr



THE CHILD can be encouraged to try his hand in creating new patterns and colors by using building blocks.

Encouragement

Clear message

Welcome his questions

Young executives find a home at Stamford



MODERN kitchen and dining areas

Security and accessibility



STAMFORD Executive Residences

Creature comforts

Mobility

Bay Gardens commitment to Mother Nature



THE PRIDE of Bay Gardens and Marlon Tower community is a nurturing environment for the whole family.

Nature protection

Another milestone



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The brand called Anne Curtis page C2

Randy Ortiz page C4 in Hongkong tatler, Henri Calayag's new salon

Let's rock, republic! Yabang Pinoy! page C2

The brand called Anne



CELEBRITIES ARE BRANDS that go through constant marketing and reinvention. These days, how does one "brand" stay afloat amidst the influx of new actors, models, and, not to mention, the mounting flood of reality show stars?

No pretenses

Screamfest

Very Filipino







The Day The World Turned Day- Glo

By Mich Dulce






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Jazz Up Your Christmas 2
Get a chance to WIN a Honda Jazz plus other great prizes!
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STEP UP AT MARKET! MARKET!
Join Coca-Cola's STEP UP Charity Workout on December 3, 2006, Sunday, at the Market! Market! Activity Center.
For every calorie burned during the day-long aerobics session, Coca-Cola donates one peso to charity.
Come in proper exercise attire and work out with your favorite celebrities. Entrance is free. For details, call 396-2175.
Help out. Sweat it out. STEP UP!
The Coca-Cola Company

SUPER! EXCLUSIVE

Has MTV Philippines finally signed off?

By Tini Pay

"IT'S more like a seamless transition," MTV President and CEO Francis Lumen explained when I inquired about the talk of TV town regarding the alleged closure of the local franchise of the music channel.

Last week, news spread about MTV signing off from its present position. This, after a constant slew of changes in leadership and turnover of key officials. I chanced upon Marco Ambrogio, DJC of MTV Philippines the day the news broke out and when I asked him how things were, he answered hurriedly, "Everything's okay."

Apparently, everything was not okay. That night, at Embassy Cinema, MTV heads of marketing, sales and PR relayed to me the news. MTV Philippines, after enjoying a six-year partnership with Viacom (MTV Asia), has decided to close that chapter. Their contract commences this December 31, 2006.

Word went out that a new licensee has bought the local rights for the revered music station. Fingers pointed the takeover to former marketing director Chris Lopez. She then explained to me the MTV shift as she reassumes her post as director for marketing and communications.





F IS FOR FILIPINO. Francis Lumen is bring[illegible] back to MTV

It ain't over till it's over. Just like their December 5 event, now with Francis Lumen at the helm, MTV will be 'Staying Alive'

A new group

"It's more of a music source closing because of Viacom's mandate to decentralize MTV hubs. MTV will continue under a new group that was awarded the license," Lopez shared.

Francis Lumen, the man responsible for building up many major media companies, looks at the bright side and sees the silver lining involved. "It's actually a better development because instead of a joint venture, it is now given to a licensee, as president and CEO, I will run MTV the way I think it should be presented on our local landscape."

Before, any local content had to go through Singapore (Viacom, or in some instances, even the MTV US offices) before airing. Now, MTV with its new set of licensees and partners can run local programming "on their own terms, without close guiding from their Singaporean principals."

"We were very bureaucratic, we were not so [illegible]," Lumen, the [illegible] brand and marketing genius continued. "Now as a local franchise, we can work with advertisers to develop advertising the way we want to execute it."

Staying alive and rebirth

In other words, instead of actually closing, MTV is opening up... they are now their OWN bosses. Call it Independence Day if you will. Their December 5 annual MTV awareness concert is aptly titled, "Staying Alive." They might as well call it "Rebirth," now with Francis Lumen and partners back at the helm of things.

"Now we are free to give it as much local flavor as we can," Francis beams with pride. "MTV will now have the Philippine flag imaged on its logo. Changes will be made. Some will be quickly recognized while other things will be gradual."

Yes, MTV will still retain its cable station status, so loyal fans will still get their daily dose of music and mayhem. Francis let on to some news. "We will also look for new VJs."

Under the new company All Youth Channels Inc., the new MTV Philippines licensee also owns Nickelodeon on ABC 5 and VH1. But more than just being a music station, MTV will also now record local and foreign concerts, as well as continue to produce events that they have been known for.

Seen the optimism, Francis looks at the new MTV with renewed enthusiasm. "We are poised to grow on program content and we will ensure more brands in the future."

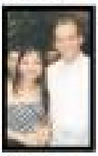
He ended our conversation by saying, "MTV now will be more responsive, more flexible, more Filipino!"

Apud! And Amen to that.



Who wore what when?

Tim Yap



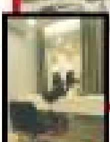
At the Monique Lhuillier gala at the Makati Shangri-La



Who wore what when

I admire the ladies who are able to balance the good, the bad and the beautiful. Here they are, in no particular order





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Randy Ortiz lands on . . .

From page B4

well designed.

[illegible]

Tessa's special treatment

[illegible]



RANDY Ortiz's [illegible]

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Terra terrific

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Art and soles

You can walk in [illegible]



By [illegible]
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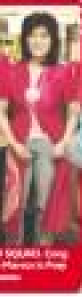


The Imelda collection launch
the Sofitel Philippine Plaza





Autograph Jr. Consignado to Pinoy Quiñones









n a masterpiece













TREAT yourself like Tessa does - the Sirius Spa Way

Randy Ortiz lands on Hongkong Tatler, Henri Calayag's new H salon and Tessa's new ways of pampering

By Tin Tig
Photos by Willy Sau

PROUD TO BE PINOY HAS always been our Supert slogan, so when we see our kababayans being recognized in other shores, it always brings a Supert smile on our faces.

This month's issue of the Hongkong Tatler features the exquisite gowns of Randy Ortiz beside those of Gucci, Christian Lacroix and other foreign designers. Randy O's collection was featured in a fourfour show in the shopping capital. His creations caught the fancy of fashion editor Mae Carreon, and thus Randy's gowns landed on a Gucci-inspired spread on the Tatler's pages.

Here in our shores, Randy is famous for



HAIR NOW AND FOREVER. Henri Calayag at his new H Salon in Glorietta 4

dressing up his muses, showbiz royalty Lucy Torres-Gomez and Claudine Barretto-Santiago, among other glitzy notables. His menswear is equally to-die-for, as seen in the latest Menswear and spotted on the scene's most visible and eligible. Style standout Raymond Gutierrez was spot on with the season in a grey Randy O suit during the Monique Lhuillier show.

Henri's new H

Holiday season is so upon us and aside from making sure we're well-suited up for the holidays, we must never forget our crowning glory. Having a nice dress and bad hair will not cut it-that's like missing the star from your fully embellished Christmas tree.

To make sure we start glistening, Henri Calayag, that genius whose team of magic scissors turn trends into reality, has changed locations into a bigger and better slot in Glorietta 4. Superbly sandwiched between Debenhams and Starbucks and surrounded by the Glorietta movie houses, the new H Salon boasts of stark white interiors accentuated with black brass chairs very Baroque that Henri the perpetual artist him-

RANDY/D5



style . urban living . pop culture . entertainment . recreation

Oh no, it's Bossa Noveau!



Tals Diaz

Since when did diluted bossa nova music jump out of the elevator and into the mainstream?

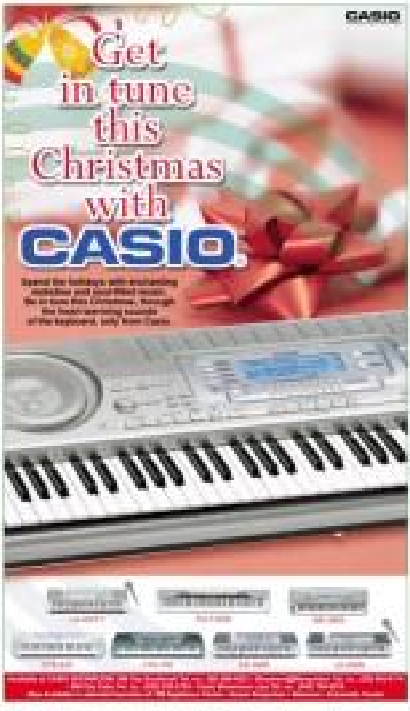














Tours, Leisure & Chow

Where to Stop Where to GO

A weekly directory of the country's best establishments

Christmas traditions at the Renaissance Hotel



Yuletide Madness at the Manila Pavilion





The Bellevue Hotel's 12 Days of Christmas Buffet



Eating Japanese style at Oasis Country Resort



Little voices at Dusit Hotel

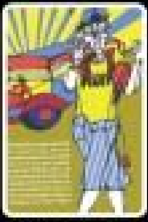


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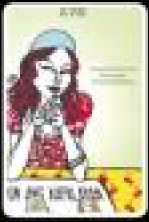

THE HIEROPHANT


STRENGTH


THE SUN: Princess Bato


JUDGEMENT: Yabang Pinoy


THE MOON


THE MAGICIAN


THE CHARIOT

Bato, bato, pik!

The Yabang Pinoy band aims to signify a Filipino being truly proud to be one.

By Tim Yap

REDEFINING Filipinoness for the next generation. Yabang Pinoy. Look around you: it's not a trend or a temporary fixation. It's a movement, one that instills action, pride and dedication to being a Super! Pinoy.

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THE EMPRESS: Manila's Five Lovelies Organization


The HIGH PRIESTESS


THE HERMIT: Analog Soul


THE STAR

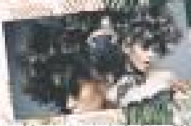

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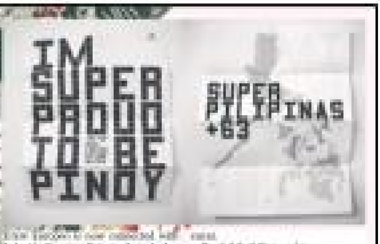

WHEEL OF FORTUNE

Design, Fast and Furious

THE FIRST International Multi-media Design Conference featuring top local and international designers [illegible] Graphika Manila will feature the following design savvy speakers.

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Cause Crusaders

Tonight, Manila will be treated to a night of house music perfection. Big Fish and Superfly are bringing Defected in the House featuring the sizzling hot duo, Copyright to the World Trade Center, Roxas Blvd, Pasay City. They will be joined by our very own Karl Ty of Superfly and Paolo Manalo of NBS.

Staying Alive

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"The Ultimate Legacy"

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Other Super! 24/7 events:

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24/7

Paolo R. Reyes

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Dec. 3, Sunday

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Dec. 4, Monday

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Dec. 6, Wednesday

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Dec. 7, Thursday

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Dec. 8, Friday

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THE AMAZING RACE EXIT INTERVIEWS

Eye candy exodus





Aubrey could have joined with Troy - but she chose Jacq and she has no regrets

THEY WERE the show's eye candy.







SATURDAY *Special*

Editor Nestor U. Torre • Assistant Editor Rito P. Asilo



MAGDANGAL: Complete professional.



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FORUM

Who should be the first Philippine Idol?

By Nestor Torre

THE FIRST SEASON OF "Philippine Idol" will end in a few days' time, and fans are eager to find out who will prevail among the three remaining finalists. There can only be one winner, but whether this will be Jan, Gian or Mau is up to the fans. We asked some of them who they thought should win:

Complete package

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Attractive

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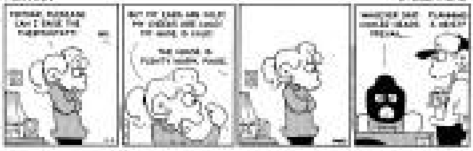
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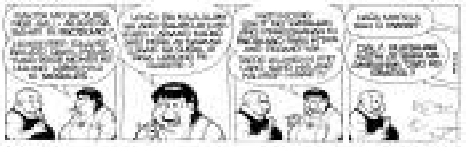
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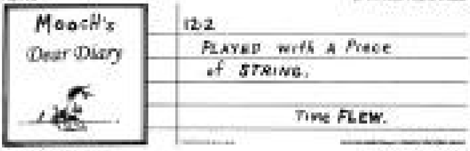


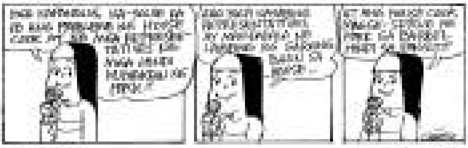
BABY BLUES BY JERRY SCOTT





MUTTS BY PATRICK McDONNELL









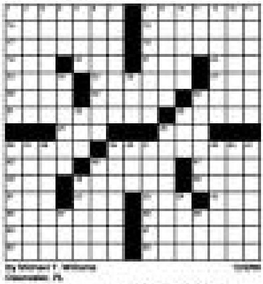




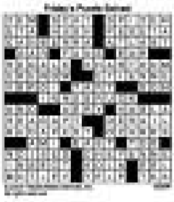




DAILY CROSSWORD



Friday's Puzzle Solved



HOROSCOPE

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku by Dave Green

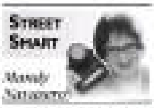
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Difficulty Level ★★★★

HOW TO PLAY SUDOKU

Answer to previous puzzle

Looking after the disabled





GLOOR. Equal opportunities for people in wheelchairs.

Founding members

Wheelmobiles

Donations

Who should be the first Philippine Idol?

Classy

Self-pity

Confidence

An unexpected visitor . . .

Big problem

Pictures

Celebration

YULETIDE STORY FOR YOUNG READERS

An unexpected visitor on Christmas Eve



By Amelia Suarez Tagudin

Rich neighbors

Real Holy Family

Cake

Door

Hershey's Happy Christmas for Photo Contest Winners

SATURDAY *Special*

Yuletide movies light up our screens

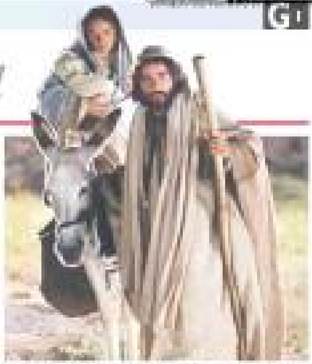
By Nestor U. Torre

Division

Mass flamboyant

Exceptional

Memoir



"THE NATIVITY": Its warmth and accessibility should energize the faith of people of all ages.

Intimate films elicit *inspiration, catharsis*

By Rito P. Asilo

Welcome addition



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- 2 INANG YAYA
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- 7 PITONG DALAGITA
- 8 BORAT
- 9 DONSOL
- 10 FRAGILE

ERMITA

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- 4 DECK THE HALLS



STA. ROSA

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- 2 SCHOOL FOR SCOUNDRELS
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- 4 HAPPY FEET

LIPA

- 1 THE MARINE
- 2 INANG YAYA
- 3 BOA
- 4 GIGIL

DASMARIÑAS

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- 2 FLAGS OF OUR FATHERS
- 3 INANG YAYA
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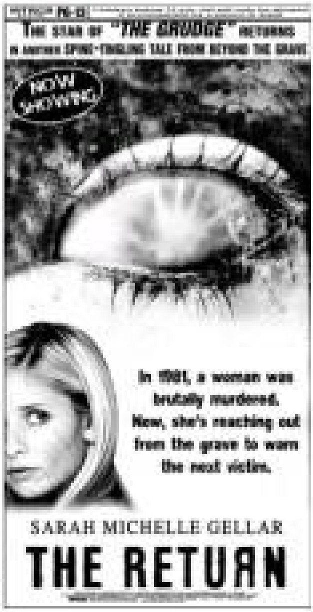
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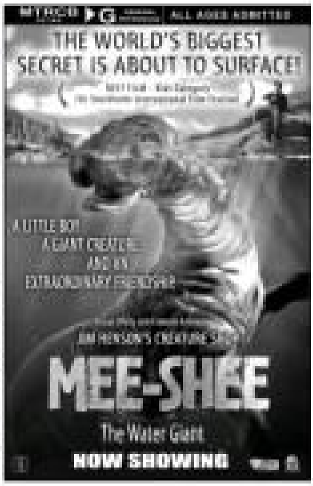
Intimate films...



Unfinished documentary

Visual beauty





Great adventures on Hallmark Channel

THIS MONTH, THE HALLMARK Channel screens inspiring and action-packed movies adapted from exciting adventure novels. On Dec. 3 at 9 p.m., Jules Verne's "Mysterious Island" stars Kyle MacLachlan as Capt. Cyrus Smith, the head of a group of Civil War escapees cast away on a remote island inhabited by bloodthirsty pirates, giant insects and the cruel genius, Capt. Nemo (Patrick Stewart).

On Dec. 11-15 at 9 p.m., the "Dinotopia" miniseries [illegible]

On Dec. 16 at 8:00 p.m., Robert Louis Stevenson's "Kidnapped," is directed by Francis Ford Coppola [illegible] Armand Assante and Brian MacCardie star.

MONTAGE

Christmas spirit on Nickelodeon

Nickelodeon gets into the Christmas spirit [illegible]



ASSANTE AND MACCARDIE. Star in Francis Ford Coppola's "Kidnapped."

[illegible] Log on to www.nickphils.com.

Ocean Adventure's special treat

Ocean Adventure's Christmas treat on Saturdays and Sundays is a three-hour package that includes [illegible]

Benefit concert

The International Visitor Program Alumni Foundation Philippines and the Embassy of Japan [illegible]

'Holiday Treats' from PPO

The Philippine Philharmonic Orchestra's [illegible]

'Tell'

[illegible]



"LAZY TOWN." One of Nickelodeon's Christmas specials.



Debut album provides breezy intro to *bossa nova*



First single

Musical family

Great...

Movies on TV

'Donsol'...

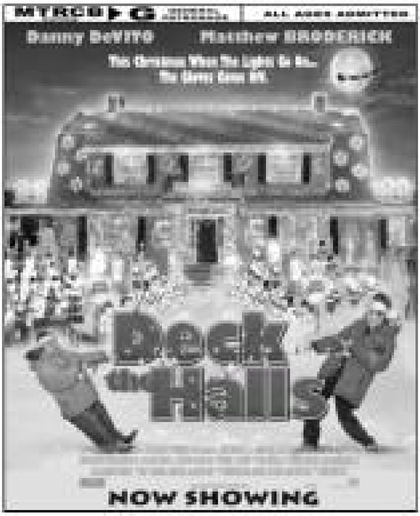
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Idyllic

Supportive



Hardwork







AT THE CINEMAS

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At the Activity Center

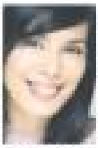
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'Donsol' makes waves at int'l film festivals





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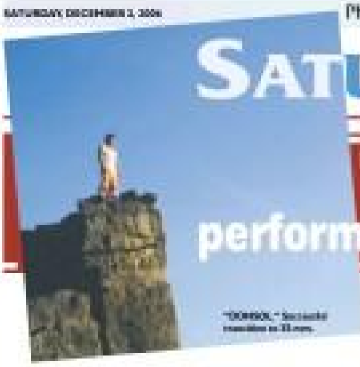
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SATURDAY Special

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"DOHOL," Successful ... in 35 mm.

NOW SHOWING

Instinct, intuition boost performances in two local dramas

By Rica P. Arlo

"Inang Yaya"



SANTOS, SORIANO AND ONSTA. Focus on good Filipino values.

Instinct, intuition boost...

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The production's focus on good Filipino values deserves to be commended, because sometimes, when we're faced with life's complex choices, these values will help us make the right decisions.

"Dossi"

D: Adolf Alix Jr.

S: Angel Aquino, Sid Lucero, Cherie Gil, Jaclyn Jose, Mark Gil, Bembol Roco

One of Cinemalaya 2006's best features, Adolf Alix Jr.'s powerful romantic drama [illegible]

[illegible]



AQUINO (LEFT, WITH LUCERO). Gives the performance of her career.

[illegible]



GIBSON. Apologized with sincerity for his headline-hogging flub.



CRUISE. His wedding to Katie Holmes has generated a groundswell of good feelings.

When stars stumble and fall from grace

THESE ARE TRYING TIMES FOR SOME HOLLYWOOD LUMINARIES who have been seeing their stardom glamour dim due to their poor judgment in terms of actions and statements.

Public opinion

Racist insults

Beneficiaries

Milestones for Janet Jackson and Paul Anka



JACKSON AND ANKA

Overt sexuality

Good reason

Flair and fervor

Memorable

LIVE PERFORMANCE SCENE-STEALERS

Megastar sings at Island Cove tonight



CUNETA: Special concert in Cavite.

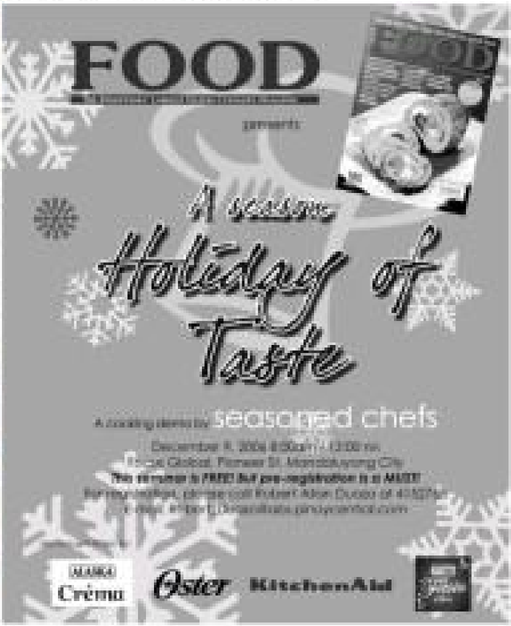
Loboc Children's Choir

'Cartoonival'

'Middle Finger Fu'



LOBOC Children's Choir sings in a series of shows on Dec. 17 and 18.



Learning from mistakes

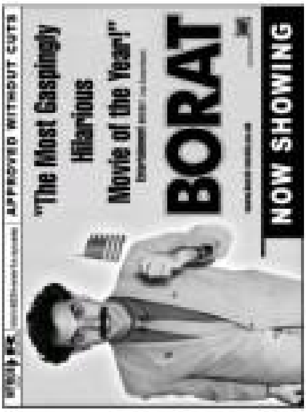
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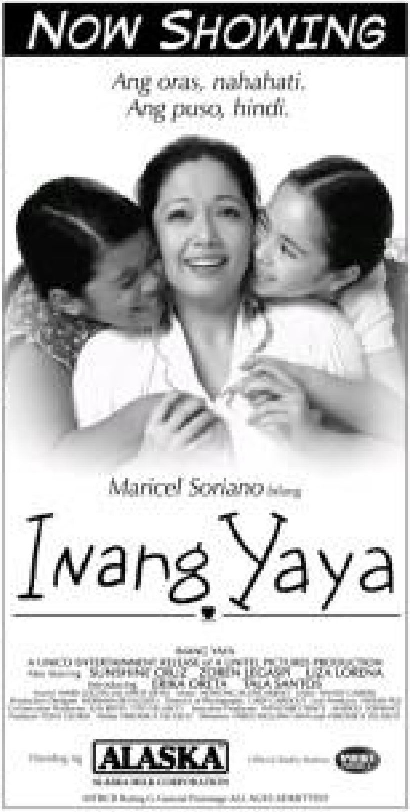
R. Valencia and S. Howard

Forest

Friend







'Fragile' shocks more than it scares



MURPHY AND FLOCKHART: They see dead people.

Whatever happened to 'good' in morning, evening news?



One-night-only repeat for NVC's 'The Good Body' on Dec. 8